

CLAIMS

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A hair cutting apparatus comprising a structure adapted for contacting an area of skin having hair, the apparatus comprising:

a) a ~~heat-generating~~heated elongate element ~~producing heat~~heated to a temperature sufficient to cut hair, mounted on the ~~portion~~structure; and

b) an electrostatically charged element adapted for collecting cut hair.

8. (Canceled) .

9. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the heated element is a wire.

10. (Currently Amended)) Apparatus according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 7 wherein the apparatus is a hand held apparatus adapted to be pressed against the skin of a user and cut hair on said skin.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of collecting cut hair, comprising:

a) cutting hair with a heated elongate element; and

b) collecting the hair cuttings from the skin of the user with an electrostatically charged element.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 including collecting the cut hair into a receptacle.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the heated elongate element is a wire.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 and including moving the heated elongate element along the surface of the skin of an area from which hair is to be removed by hand.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein the ~~electrically~~ electrostatically charged element is charged by friction of the element with the skin of a user as it is moved along the skin.

17. (Canceled)

18. (New) Apparatus according to claim 7 and including a housing adapted for holding by a user wherein the electrostatically charged elongate element comprise an outcropping from the housing.

19. (New) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the apparatus is adapted to be moved along the skin and wherein the outcropping is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

20. (New) Apparatus according to claim 19 and including one or more collection aids associated with the electrostatically charged element comprising one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

21. (New) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the apparatus is adapted to be moved along the skin and wherein the electrostatically charged element is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

22. (New) Apparatus according to claim 21 and including one or more collection aids associated with the electrostatically charged element comprising one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

23. (New) Apparatus according to claim 7 and including one or more collection aids associated with the electrostatically charged element comprising one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

24. (New) A method according to claim 11 wherein the electrostatically charged element is provided as an outcropping adapted to be held by a user.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24 wherein the outcropping is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

26. (New) A method according to claim 25 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

27. (New) A method according to claim 11 wherein the electrostatically charged element is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

28. (New) A method according to claim 27 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

29. (New) A method according to claim 11 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

30. (New) A method according to claim 16 wherein the electrostatically charged element is provided as an outcropping adapted to be held by a user.

31. (New) A method according to claim 30 wherein the outcropping is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

32. (New) A method according to claim 31 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

33. (New) A method according to claim 16 wherein the electrostatically charged element is spaced from the heated elongate element such that the electrostatically charged element contacts the skin after the hair has been cut.

34. (New) A method according to claim 33 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

35. (New) A method according to claim 16 and including collecting the hair utilizing one or more of a comb, a brush and a collection cavity.

36. (New) A method according to claim 11 wherein the electrostatically charged element is adapted to collect said cut hair from the skin.